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EXPLANATORY NOTES**Introduction**

The Digest contains the latest available figures at the time of issue for a selection of monthly and quarterly series. Where possible, series are shown both in their original and seasonally adjusted form.

Seasonal adjustment

2. Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting ABS statistics are given in Appendixes C and B, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, Australia* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the ABS monthly and quarterly publications.

3. As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of calendar variations, namely, 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in a month) and the influence of movable holidays, such as Easter and Australia Day.

4. Most of the original and seasonally adjusted series are preliminary and subject to revision.

Related publications

5. More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0) (\$3.10). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed on page 8.

6. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- r figure or series revised since previous issue
- p preliminary—figure or series subject to revision
- n.a. not available
- n.y.a. not yet available
- break in continuity of series (where drawn between two consecutive figures in the same column)

7. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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PRODUCTION

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Month	Black coal '000 tonnes		Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720W '000	
	Original	Seas. adj.			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1981-82—																
December	5,765	7,534		32.0	8,168	8,745	32,445	37,476	564	558	499	517	37.0	39.6	267	249
January	1,429	1,921		28.5	8,166	8,915	30,702	37,662	631	565	351	499	12.3	37.1	164	389
February	8,805	8,747	23,448	42.1	7,903	8,883	30,373	37,154	497	555	467	500	34.4	35.2	287	310
March	11,026	9,588		43.8	8,606	8,772	31,414	34,642	661	631	519	501	43.3	38.0	319	296
April	8,254	9,048		36.1	8,070	8,686	31,251	34,421	601	612	523	512	32.6	36.0	270	214
May	10,099	9,319	22,091	42.1	8,694	8,429	40,386	37,846	655	635	555	524	39.9	36.2	191	217
June	10,784	10,142		47.5	9,824	8,981	43,343	35,862	592	630	497	501	41.4	38.1	241	245
1982-83—																
July	9,778	10,308		(e)39.8	10,476	9,026	45,770	36,791	606	590	539	494	41.8	38.4	220	210
August	9,827	9,002	23,524	30.3	9,296	8,365	40,776	34,036	561	539	473	440	41.2	38.4	252	228
September	9,863	8,902		35.7	8,818	8,633	37,766	35,239	368	388	463	472	36.5	32.7	271	209
October	9,562	8,335		36.3	9,054	9,222	34,236	34,814	372	372	479	459	32.9	30.4	276	238
November	10,512	8,938	n.y.a.	39.0	8,827	9,394	34,520	37,757	414	430	458	427	30.7	26.7	233	201
December	7,599	n.y.a.		n.y.a.	8,557	9,103	33,769	39,137	413	407	420	433	24.4	26.5	204	190
January	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		n.y.a.	8,413	9,175	26,158	32,144	389	361	268	403	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Gross mine output (b) Metallic contents of mine products (c) Available for issue through mains, includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state. (e) Estimate.

PRODUCTION—continued

Month	Cotton woven cloth (incl. towelling) '000 sq m/a		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (incl. blanketing) '000 sq m/a		Man-made fibre cloth '000 sq m		Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufac- turing division(b)		Whole milk intake by factories(c) mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool tonnes		Book value at end of quarter \$ m	
	Original		Original		Original		Original		Original		Original		Total % of total receipts received by tonnes brokers(d)		Original	
	Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.
1981-82—																
December	4,015	4,601	963	951	9,515	11,153	184	192	325.0	616	434	56,040	77.9			
January	1,908	4,420	549	1,073	4,224	11,406	178	195	327.6	503	433	33,949	78.7			
February	4,296	4,548	907	856	10,434	10,763	195	218	332.6	388	434	37,538	76.1	32,419	32,459	
March	4,791	4,741	1,016	842	12,661	11,763	221	207	335.9	338	426	45,714	75.6			
April	4,228	4,598	816	852	9,863	10,711	197	208	338.1	281	453	38,158	77.7			
May	4,276	4,414	756	873	10,764	10,072	207	206	340.3	240	483	36,466	81.5	33,144	33,169	
June	4,049	3,807	908	899	11,623	9,917	214	219	343.2	226	458	28,112	75.8			
1982-83—																
July	3,519	2,833	837	847	12,171	10,456	226	227	346.4	293	456	46,811	81.9			
August	3,095	2,884	835	839	10,818	9,920	191	197	350.2	455	447	76,560	82.2	34,202	34,146	
September	3,265	2,778	842	801	10,124	9,163	241	217	353.4	618	466	100,443	82.5			
October	3,266	2,612	984	894	11,302	10,005	202	185	355.5	734	472	106,013	81.4			
November	2,994	3,090	1,100	879	9,316	8,715	200	197	p356.4	701	444	91,158	79.8	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	
December	1,971	2,079	720	732	8,993	10,558	192	201	p357.7	621	437	46,911	74.1			
January	674	1,713	540	1,114	4,686	12,783	165	188	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			

(a) The Commodity composition of this series has changed following the introduction of a revised product commodity classification for textile items. Figures on the new basis are available from July 1979. (b) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (c) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (d) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (e) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 3629 D.

OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

Month	Value of total exports \$m	Value of total imports \$m	Values at average 1979-80 prices \$m		Export price index All groups 1974-75 = 100	Balance on current account \$m	Net apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets (a) \$m
			Exports f.o.b.	Imports f.o.b.				
			Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.				
1981-82—								
December	1,421	1,624			184	-531	712	4,360
January	1,557	1,751			185	-718	311	3,912
February	1,683	1,931	4,578	5,057	186	-673	715	3,942
March	1,716	2,158			187	-908	1,333	4,065
April	1,814	1,904			189	-836	2,013	5,204
May	1,817	2,225	4,595	5,267	193	-763	1,951	6,301
June	1,835	2,030			195	-774	1,010	6,517
1982-83—								
July	2,012	2,085			195	-595	449	6,770
August	1,818	2,048	4,848	4,751	198	-768	322	6,711
September	1,719	1,875			200	-684	1,652	8,396
October	1,870	2,079			p201	-746	1,225	8,888
November	2,031	r1,991	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p202	-408	1,089	9,395
December	1,811	1,707			p199	-521	1,211	10,094
January	1,963	1,383			n.y.a.	-281	642	10,850

(a) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

INTERNAL TRADE

Month	Retail sales(a)										Instalment credit for retail sales, finance companies and other businesses, balances outstanding(d) \$m	
	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. \$m		Food and drink \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture \$m		Other(b) \$m		New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered(c) '000	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1981-82—												
November	3,053	3,035	4,831	4,506	3,597	3,074	1,904	1,602	37.5	39.2	11.3	12.0
December	4,222	3,106							41.0	40.0	12.5	12.9
January	2,918	3,128							33.6	41.6	10.2	12.9
February	2,737	3,132	r4,501	r4,628	r2,732	r3,172	r1,502	r1,624	33.4	36.1	11.6	12.5
March	3,079	3,150							44.1	41.1	15.3	13.7
April	(e)3,120	(e)3,204							38.0	39.6	12.1	12.7
May	(e)3,203	(e)3,186	(f)4,686	(f)4,800	(f)3,164	(f)3,152	(f)1,554	(f)1,666	41.2	40.5	12.8	12.4
June	(e)3,084	(e)3,237							44.2	40.7	15.0	12.8
1982-83—												
July	(e)3,190	(e)3,255							41.9	38.4	13.6	12.1
August	(e)3,080	(e)3,226	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	43.8	40.8	12.7	12.7
September	(e)3,163	(e)3,242							39.3	39.4	11.3	11.4
October	(e)3,272	(e)3,333							36.5	38.6	11.4	12.0
November	(e)3,478	(e)3,378							36.2	36.1	10.5	10.8
December	4,652	3,362							p47.8	p47.0	p9.9	p10.2

(a) Based on the 1973-74 census of retail establishments. Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Other, excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (c) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses. (d) During the period, amounts financed to new agreements made were: September \$172m, October \$160m, November \$174m. (e) Series based on 1979-80 Retail Census, excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory. (f) Based on the 1979-80 retail census.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Weekly earnings of employees (\$/w)		Award rates of pay indexes (b), adult persons June 1976 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee (c)	Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities, 1980-81 = 100(d)								
	All males	All females			All groups	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education(e)
1981-82—													
December			165.6										
January			168.1										
February	315.00	207.10	170.1	1.48	111.8	109.1	107.4	112.2	112.0	111.3	110.4	131.2	100.9
March			171.4										
April			172.3										
May	326.00	215.50	172.9	1.45	114.5	110.7	110.6	115.9	115.6	114.7	112.9	134.5	101.2
June			175.8										
1982-83—													
July			177.7										
August	333.70	221.90	179.4	1.26	118.5	114.0	111.2	118.9	119.1	121.1	118.0	143.1	103.3
September			179.9										
October			180.3										
November	344.20	226.00	n.y.a.	1.30	122.0	116.8	113.7	122.3	123.6	122.7	124.0	151.2	105.7
December			n.y.a.										
JANUARY			n.y.a.										

(a) The Average weekly earnings per employed male unit has been replaced by a new series based on a quarterly survey of employers. Figures for all males prior to September quarter 1981 are estimates based on the relationship of the two series for September quarter 1981. An explanation of the linking of the series is given in *Average Weekly Earnings, Australia, December Quarter 1981 (Preliminary)* (6330.0), and an explanation of the differences between the series is provided in an *Information Paper* (6330.0). (b) New series. See *Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia, September 1982* (6312.0). (c) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further details see August issue of *Overtime, Australia* (6330.0). (d) With the introduction of the tenth series of the CPI, the reference base of the CPI series has been changed to 1980-81 = 100.0. The main CPI series published becomes that for the weighted average of the eight capital cities. Monthly index series are no longer compiled for the food group. (e) New grouping introduced from March quarter 1982. Base of index series: March quarter 1982 = 100.0.

BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals \$m		Building approvals dwellings 000 units		Government building approved \$m	Building commenced, dwellings \$m		Overlays commenced, 000 units		Price indexes		New fixed capital expenditure by private enterprises (\$m/d)			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Materials used in house building(c)	Materials used in building other than house building(c)	New buildings and structures		Other new capital equipment	
												Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1981-82—															
December	977.8	1,003.0	11.2	11.5	209.5					372.1	123.8				
January	717.3	742.4	9.4	11.8	132.0					376.3	125.0				
February	734.2	851.5	9.4	11.3	103.2	2,615.3	2,690.4	29.1	29.1	383.1	127.5	1,092.1	1,288.7	2,509.5	2,994.0
March	970.1	134.6	12.2	10.8	87.1					389.5	129.8				
April	766.2	811.1	10.3	10.6	70.6					392.8	131.3				
May	879.5	837.2	10.3	10.0	104.9	2,426.2	2,315.4	28.3	27.4	395.6	132.0	1,388.7	1,344.5	3,279.4	2,999.4
June	943.7	879.3	10.2	9.1	135.9					398.5	133.8				
1982-83—															
July	861.0	334.1	10.2	10.3	110.3	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	402.6	135.7				
August	792.2	772.8	9.6	9.3	123.4					405.6	137.3	1,413.7	1,458.8	2,742.2	2,765.3
September	725.5	689.0	9.3	9.0	108.3					408.3	138.1				
October	701.2	719.6	8.6	8.5	105.3					409.5	138.8				
November	753.9	672.3	9.6	3.9	111.9	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	410.6	139.4	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
December	740.2	767.1	8.4	3.9	152.9					412.2	140.5				
January	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.					415.5	141.5				

(a) The ABS has recently implemented a new system for ascertaining, compiling and publishing building activity statistics. For further details of the change to 'Building commenced' data, see September Quarter 1980 (Advance Release) issue of 8705.0, released on 1 May 1981. For further details of the change to 'Overlays commenced' data, see statement issued under Catalogue No. 8703.0 entitled *Changes to Published Building Activity Statistics*, which was released on 12 December 1980. (b) Weighted average six State capital cities. 1966-67 = 100.0. (c) Base: 1979-80 = 100.0. (d) Excludes enterprises classified in agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction.

FINANCE

Month	FINANCE														Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m	
	Savings banks— depositors' balances (a) \$m		Major trading banks (b)				Finance companies balances outstanding (c) \$m	Housing finance for owner occupation value of loans approved (d)				Common- wealth bond yield short dated (f) per cent	Listed companies new money raised \$m			
			Deposits \$m		Advances \$m			Permanent building societies		Other lenders (e)						
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m					
1981-82—																
December	24,305	24,165	28,151	27,613	21,080	20,919	25,814	316	164	102	14.50					2,779
January	24,425	24,276	28,185	27,599	21,161	21,280	25,787	305	147	87	14.65					3,570
February	24,769	24,515	28,452	27,614	21,074	21,469	26,036	322	165	93	14.95	398.9				3,506
March	24,458	24,490	28,862	27,722	21,486	21,793	26,416	379	194	112	15.20					3,862
April	24,242	24,641	29,278	28,883	21,348	22,215	26,734	282	146	98	15.60					5,427
May	24,550	24,817	29,652	30,140	22,382	22,131	27,147	309	127	105	16.40	624.5				5,340
June	25,047	25,001	29,457	30,166	22,119	22,239	27,560	350	111	100	16.40					4,154
1982-83—																
July	24,975	25,042	29,569	30,706	22,559	22,498	27,973	307	109	95	16.40					3,272
August	25,266	25,242	29,857	30,748	22,639	22,674	28,149	328	114	84	16.60	804.3				4,032
September	25,344	25,260	30,624	31,004	22,809	22,814	28,579	369	110	88	15.20					3,019
October	25,704	25,610	30,613	30,640	23,130	22,839	28,947	356	116	88	14.40					3,245
November	25,910	25,905	31,022	30,974	22,945	22,812	28,967	384	131	93	14.20	n.y.a.				p4,177
December	27,063	26,917	31,424	30,917	22,860	22,688	28,930	379	129	93	14.00					p3,251
January	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	30,321	29,730	22,684	22,806	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	12.55					n.y.a.

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Amounts shown relate to all types of finance agreements and provide a broad overall measure of finance company activity. For further details see the monthly publication 5614.0. (d) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (e) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (f) This series is based on non-rebate bonds. (g) Break in series due to a change in accounting procedures.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS (\$m)

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Quarter	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure			
							Private		Government		Private		Public	
	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.
AT CURRENT PRICES														
1980-81— June	32,828	34,357	949	1,738	31,879	32,619	20,321	20,480	5,972	5,782	6,236	5,857	3,022	2,596
1981-82— September	35,363	35,788	1,346	1,943	34,017	33,845	21,196	21,289	6,102	6,173	6,173	6,271	2,522	2,739
December	40,700	36,346	3,915	1,887	36,785	34,459	23,264	22,015	6,591	6,350	7,619	7,241	2,052	1,987
March	35,193	37,367	1,361	1,791	33,832	35,574	21,626	22,648	5,785	6,145	5,930	6,616	2,453	2,781
June	37,452	39,289	790	1,823	36,662	37,466	23,276	23,459	7,016	6,794	7,024	6,584	3,366	2,901
1982-83— September	39,207	39,736	1,445	1,726	37,762	38,010	24,033	24,119	6,616	6,694	6,320	6,428	3,202	3,484
AT AVERAGE 1979-80 PRICES														
1980-81— June	28,879	30,170	973	1,661	27,906	28,509	18,067	18,173	5,126	5,126	5,441	5,116	2,592	2,225
1981-82— September	30,274	30,719	1,404	1,922	28,870	28,817	18,433	18,508	5,127	5,127	5,312	5,391	2,114	2,297
December	34,291	30,450	3,667	1,867	30,624	28,583	19,668	18,632	5,284	5,284	6,389	6,062	1,666	1,611
March	28,685	30,588	1,499	1,962	27,186	28,626	17,923	18,787	4,652	4,652	4,778	5,143	1,931	2,189
June	29,479	30,914	1,110	2,005	28,369	28,909	18,843	18,956	5,315	5,315	5,485	5,144	2,560	2,193
1982-83— September	30,326	30,738	1,803	1,903	28,523	28,835	18,774	18,844	4,963	4,963	4,736	4,812	2,327	2,533
AT CURRENT PRICES continued														
Quarter	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Wages, salaries and supplements		Income of farm unincorporated enterprises	Other household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income
					Companies		Other							
	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.				
1980-81— June	6,475	6,630	5,774	5,703	3,979	4,214	5,736	6,865	18,780	18,995	206	9,656	7,430	21,212
1981-82— September	6,939	6,854	5,460	5,619	4,520	4,515	6,945	7,408	19,677	19,499	584	8,851	4,543	24,569
December	6,795	6,770	5,346	5,202	5,044	4,346	10,022	7,401	21,014	19,997	3,015	10,591	4,623	29,997
March	7,296	7,244	5,783	5,848	3,473	3,934	6,739	7,570	20,065	21,038	507	8,912	6,271	23,213
June	7,548	7,738	6,135	6,066	4,072	4,327	6,510	8,006	21,743	21,882	59	11,609	8,925	24,368
1982-83— September	7,476	7,387	6,184	6,367	3,915	3,910	8,036	8,121	22,499	22,787	564	10,065	5,648	27,480

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons in general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

**JOB
VACANCIES
(^{'000})**

CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) (^{'000})

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (b) (^{'000})

Month	Males		Females		Persons		Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work	Total		Survey estimates (c)
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Males	Females		Males	Females	Persons
1981-82—												
December	4,334.4	4,267.2	2,571.6	2,531.7	6,905.9	6,802.5	206.1	152.6	74.6	232.6	200.7	433.3
January	4,299.6	4,283.1	2,461.4	2,537.0	6,761.0	6,819.0	221.0	156.0	62.6	238.6	201.0	439.6
February	4,334.7	4,307.2	2,547.2	2,544.9	6,881.9	6,853.3	236.3	170.3	77.8	251.7	232.7	484.4
March	4,329.9	4,317.3	2,590.9	2,553.9	6,920.8	6,867.3	216.1	158.2	85.4	238.1	221.6	459.2
April	4,289.9	4,287.9	2,542.5	2,522.7	6,832.4	6,811.3	210.2	153.1	72.8	227.2	209.0	436.2
May	4,306.8	4,311.2	2,547.9	2,552.2	6,854.7	6,857.8	219.8	152.8	77.3	239.8	210.0	449.9
June	4,294.1	4,308.4	2,532.4	2,541.1	6,826.5	6,845.3	215.8	150.8	81.2	239.5	208.3	447.8
1982-83—												
July	4,307.8	4,321.6	2,534.4	2,536.1	6,842.2	6,859.3	233.1	142.9	74.2	253.3	196.9	450.3
August	4,287.5	4,319.1	2,518.6	2,545.0	6,806.0	6,867.0	249.9	135.6	73.1	271.0	187.5	458.5
September	4,352.9	4,350.6	2,567.1	2,544.0	6,920.0	6,896.4	271.6	149.1	85.2	293.7	212.1	505.9
October	4,354.6	4,381.1	2,582.4	2,588.3	6,937.0	6,972.7	286.6	158.4	91.8	307.3	229.6	536.8
November	4,331.2	4,370.4	2,571.4	2,570.6	6,902.6	6,940.2	313.5	170.4	68.1	332.9	225.1	552.0
December	4,412.4	4,444.2	2,618.4	2,578.4	7,030.8	6,926.4	378.4	206.8	88.8	464.7	269.2	674.0
January	4,361.3	4,344.5	2,494.6	2,571.6	6,855.9	6,915.1	p409.4	p216.0	p66.1	p431.8	p259.8	p691.5

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Labour force survey estimates. (c) Results of sample surveys of government employees and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see 6231.0.

**GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, AUSTRALIA(a)
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)
(^{'000})**

(Excluding agricultural workers) ('000)													
Month	Civilian employees										Defence Forces(b)	Total Government	
	Commonwealth		State		Northern Territory		Local		Total			Persons	Persons
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons		
1981—													
November	276.3	128.1	579.3	418.8	7.7	6.6	102.7	28.5	965.9	581.9	1,547.9	72.6	1,620.5
December	276.9	128.2	578.8	414.4	7.7	6.6	103.1	28.3	966.5	577.6	1,544.1	72.3	1,616.4
1982—													
January	276.6	128.2	576.6	405.9	7.7	6.5	103.4	27.8	964.3	568.5	1,532.8	72.7	1,605.5
February	276.2	127.9	579.3	419.8	7.7	6.5	103.8	28.8	966.9	583.1	1,550.0	73.3	1,623.3
March	276.1	128.4	581.0	423.7	7.7	6.6	104.2	28.8	968.9	587.6	1,556.5	73.4	1,629.9
April	275.6	128.7	579.9	424.3	7.7	6.6	104.1	28.9	967.3	588.5	1,555.8	73.3	1,627.8
May	275.1	128.5	581.8	421.8	7.7	6.6	104.1	28.8	968.7	585.8	1,554.5	73.2	1,632.1
June	274.7	127.4	582.3	426.9	7.6	6.6	104.2	28.9	969.0	589.9	1,558.9	73.2	1,629.8
July	273.9	128.2	581.2	426.1	7.5	6.5	104.5	29.0	968.8	589.8	1,556.6	73.1	1,631.5
August	274.4	128.7	580.9	427.5	7.5	6.3	104.2	28.9	967.0	591.4	1,558.4	73.0	1,633.5
September	275.0	129.6	580.5	428.2	7.5	6.3	104.1	29.2	967.2	593.4	1,560.5	73.1	1,634.6
October	275.5	130.0	580.0	428.7	7.6	6.4	104.2	29.4	967.2	594.5	1,561.7	73.0	1,635.1
November	276.2	130.9	579.6	427.6	7.6	6.3	104.3	29.6	967.7	594.3	1,562.1	73.0	1,635.1
December	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) For further details, see *The Labour Force, Australia (Preliminary)* (6202.0)

(b) Permanent defence forces in Australia and overseas

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